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SUBJ: EC POULTRY PROTECTION MEASURES

REF: STATE 169072, PARIS 18498, EC BRUSSELS 5991

1. FOLLOWING REPRESENTATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE 169072,  
EMBASSY OFFICIAL MET WITH BERGMAN, MINAG DIRECTION INTERNATIONAL  
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, AND VAN DEN BERGHOF, DUTCH DELEGATE AT EC  
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POULTRY AND EGG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING AUG. 6.

2. VAN DEN BERGHOF MADE FOLLOWING POINTS. MEETING OPENED WITH FRENCH DELEGATE MAKING IMPASSIONED SPEECH ABOUT THE PROBLEMS IN FRENCH TURKEY INDUSTRY AND THE NEED FOR MEANINGFUL ACTION. (ANOTHER GON SOURCE REPORTS FRENCH SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED RESTITUTION PAYMENTS ON POULTRY EXPORTS BUT WERE SHOT DOWN BY OTHERS INCLUDING DUTCH.) DUTCH FLATLY DENY THEY ARE THE PRINCIPAL ADVOCATE FOR INCREASE IN GATE PRICES AND LEVIES (PARIS 18498) POINTING TO FACT THAT LEVY DECISION GOT MAJORITY SUPPORT.

3. VAN DEN BERGHOF THEN REVIEWED CHANGES IN SUPPLEMENTARY LEVIES. HIS INFORMATION AGREES WITH THAT REPORTED IN EC BRUSSELS 5991. VAN DEN BERGHOF STATED FURTHER THAT IN HIS OPINION LEVY INCREASES WERE A REASONABLE COMPROMISE IN LIGHT OF LOW U.S. OFFERING PRICES AND RECENTLY INCREASED SLUICE GATE PRICES. IF COMMITTEE HAD FOLLOWED LETTER OF THE LAW, SUPPLEMENTARY LEVY INCREASE WOULD HAVE BEEN ALMOST TWICE AS HIGH. HE STATED THAT IF IT HAD NOT BEEN FOR STRONG U.S. OBJECTIONS DUTCH WOULD HAVE INSISTED ON MUCH HIGHER SUPPLEMENTARY LEVIES.

4. WHEN ASKED HOW INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES VOTED, VAN DEN BERGHOF DECLINED TO ANSWER. HE STATED, "IT CAN BE SAID THAT THESE MEASURES WERE CARRIED BY A BIG MAJORITY."

5. WHEN PRESSED FOR POSSIBLE SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM, VAN DEN BERGHOF STATED, WITH BERGMAN'S ACTIVE SUPPORT, THAT THE ONLY "SOLUTION" IS FOR U.S. EXPORTERS TO OFFER AT HIGHER C.I.F. PRICES. IF THIS IS DONE, THEY ARE SURE COMMISSION WILL LOWER SUPPLEMENTARY LEVIES.

6. ALSO RAISED RUMOR (JULY 23, FAS SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY REPORT) OF ARBITRARY WITHDRAWAL OF BOUND 17 PERCENT AD VALOREM DUTY ON COOKED POULTRY MEAT. DUTCH KNOW NOTHING OF ANY SUCH ACTION OR PROPOSAL.

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